California

Dairy Information

The Size of California's Dairy Farms, July 2004

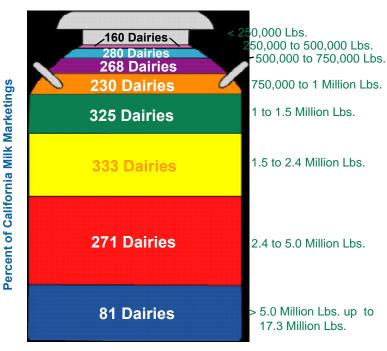
Distribution of Farms by Size of Milk Marketings, July 2004

Range of Milk Marketings	Number of Grade A Farms	Percent of Total Grade A Farms	Percent of Total Grade A Milk Marketings
< 250,000 Lbs.	160	8.21%	0.81%
250,000 to 500,000 Lbs.	280	14.37%	3.53%
500,000 to 750,000 Lbs.	268	13.76%	5.55%
750,000 to 1 Million Lbs.	230	11.81%	6.68%
1 to 1.5 Million Lbs.	325	16.68%	13.39%
1.5 to 2.4 Million Lbs.	333	17.09%	20.93%
2.4 to 5.0 Million Lbs.	271	13.91%	30.23%
> 5.0 Million Lbs. (up to 17.3 Million Lbs.)	81	4.16%	18.89%

California Farms by Size, Comparisons:

- The 352 top-producing dairy farms (18% of the state's dairies) produce 50% of the state's milk marketings.
- The 708 lowest-producing dairy farms (36% of the state's dairies) produce only 10% of the state's milk marketings.
- The group of dairies producing less than 250,000 pounds of milk per month (160 dairies), accounted for less than 1% of the milk marketed.
- In July 2004, there were 81 dairies producing more than 5.0 million pounds of milk per month, an increase of 19% compared to July 2002, when there were 68 dairies producing more than 5 million pounds per month.





Source: CDFA Milk Pooling Statistics

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